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The gasoline boats also walloped the bluebacks, nearly every craft out in Ipswich bay yesterday afternoon getting a good catch and finding mackerel mixed in with them.

The fishermen report that Ipswich bay is fairly alive with fish of all kinds. Great schools of bonitas, and albicores are reported by the market boats on Jefferies, and this may account for the presence of these schooling fish close in shore. The fishermen report that never before have they seen so many whales in Ipswich bay as there are there now, and the presence of these mammals is in itself the best indication of a large body of school fishes.

The fishermen say that bluebacks are schooling plentifully and that there are lots of butterfish and herring and occasional small schools of mackerel, also that in every school of bluebacks are found from 100 to 1000 mackerel, small fish, going about three-quarters of a pound each.

Some of the bluebacks brought in went for bait, others to the freezer and most of them went to the oil places to be "tried out."

These fish are hanging on late and the gasoliners are doing well on them. The fish are selling for bait to the haddockers at \$2 per barrel, while the freezer is handling quite a lot at \$1 per barrel and in case of over production the oil men are taking what is left at from 60 to 75 cents per barrel.

Yesterday 140 barrels of these fish were landed at Rockport to go in the freezer. Steamer Pet, which had a big haul, landed part of her catch at Rockport and then brought the rest of it to this port.

The off shore vessels which arrived are sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Forbes, from an eastern drift salt cod-fishing trip, with a big fare, 140,000 pounds of salt cod, and the big Boston sch. Francis Whalen, from Western Bank and around Sable island, with 100,000 pounds of fresh codfish, which will go to the splitters.

The fare of sch. Mina Swim is the largest ever taken in this branch of the fishery. The craft, as is sch. Eugenia, which arrived last week with 105,000 pounds of salt cod, the record up to the arrival of the Swim, is counted as one of the "Rips" fleet, and secured her fare by handlining at anchor handlining while drifting and also handlining from dories, which all of the eastern drift fishermen have carried with them this season.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mina Swim, eastern drift cod-fishing 140,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Judique, seining.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, seining, Ipswich Bay, 1400 fresh small mackerel.

Steamer Pet, Ipswich Bay, seining, 2000 small fresh mackerel, 200 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Thurlow, Ipswich Bay, seining, 300 fresh small mackerel, 85 bbls. bluebacks, 8 bbls. butterfish.

Steamer Independence II, Ipswich Bay, seining, 300 fresh mackerel, 75 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Bryda F., Ipswich Bay, seining, 350 fresh small mackerel, 80 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Alice, Ipswich Bay, seining, 85 bbls. bluebacks.

Steamer Marchant, Ipswich Bay, seining, 100 bbls. bluebacks, 700 small fresh mackerel.

Nelson's harbor trap 300 fresh small mackerel.

Heath's trap, 800 fresh small mackerel.

Gloucester Fresh Fish Co.'s trap 500 fresh small mackerel.

Tarr's trap, 500 fresh small mackerel.

Steamer Lydia F., Ipswich Bay, seining, 200 bbls. bluebacks.

Sloop Margaret, Ipswich bay, seining, 100 fresh small mackerel, 8 bbls. butterfish.

Sch. Francis Whalen, Western bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Leo, shore.

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The weather yesterday was too blowy to do any mackerel searching or fishing in Ipswich bay, therefore the fleet of gasoliners and the amateur fleet which were counting on a fine day's work and a fine day's sport were disappointed. The former fleet got underway early this morning, however, and this forenoon were out scouring the bay.

There was also a goodly number of small boats out, their occupants armed with jigs and toll bait.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Mary E. Harty, Capt. Reuben Cameron, came in and will fit out for a North Bay trip.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, came in this morning from shore seining and will now probably fit for haddocking.

Sch. Speculator, Capt. Rufus McKay, also came in this morning with a catch which will help out her stock quite a bit, as she has four barrels of small salt mackerel and 121 barrels of salt bullseyes. The schooner will now fit for a North Bay trip.

Location of the Seining Fleet.

At present there are 11 of the mackerel seining fleet operating on the shore grounds, sch. George Parker, Saladin, Harmony, Lena and Maud, Shenandoah, Nellie Dixon, Thomas J. Carroll, Mary T. Fallon, Margie Smith and Benjamin A. Smith and the steamer Bessie M. Dugan.

The crafts which have already gone to North Bay number 16 sail, sch. Arthur James, Indiana, Dauntless, Ralph L. Hall, John M. Keen, Blanche F. Irving, Diana, Marguerite Haskins, Priscilla Smith, Veda M. McKown, Victor, Annie Greenlaw, Emily Cooney, Mertis H. Perry, Electric Flash and Clintonia. The vessels which will go to the North Bay from now on are schs. Patrician, Mary E. Harty, Constellation, Pinta, Judique, Squanto, Gladiator, Speculator and Parthia.

At present in port are 11 seiners, these comprising crafts fitting for North bay or which have just came in within a day or two.

A special to the Times this afternoon from its correspondent at Souris, P. E. I., states that since his last letter the schs. Clintonia and Marguerite Haskins of this port, have arrived there to engage in the North Bay mackerel fishery. Several vessels of the mackerel fleet now in the bay, from here, have made small hauls of from five to seven barrels each, the fish being of extra good quality and catches being made on August 26.

A special dispatch to the Times, this afternoon, from its Portland correspondent, reports mackerel schooling solid this forenoon between Damariscove and Herring island, on the Maine coast. The report comes from a very reliable source.

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Price of Eastern Drift Salt Cod.

At a meeting of the Fisheries committee of the board of trade yesterday afternoon the price of eastern drift salt cod was set at \$3.37 1-2 for large and \$3 for mediums.

The fare of sch. Mina Swim sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. at \$3.25 per hundred weight for large and \$3 for mediums.

Portuguese Steam Trawler.

The Elite, a Portuguese steam trawler, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Tuesday morning from the banks. The Elite is owned in Lisbon and is the only trawler from that country to operate in those waters. The steamer came in to have repairs effected to her propeller, a steel wire having been twisted around the shaft. The captain reports fishing as being unusually poor, only about 500 qtls. having been secured during the season. The repairs were made and the steamer proceeded to Sydney where 240 tons bunker will be taken.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. River Ganges arrived at Portland Wednesday with 6000 pounds of small mackerel making the first lot to be received at that port this season. It is understood that 10 cents per pound was received as the market was practically bare, all the fish received here heretofore coming from Boston. There was a ready market. The fish were a bit larger than tinkers but weighed a little less than a pound a piece. The fish were taken off Mt. Dessert and it was reported that a number of schools had been seen in the vicinity of Pemaquid and Round Pond.

The big Boston fishing sch. Harmony, Capt. Hall, was in port Wednesday on the way eastward in search of mackerel. The skipper is confident that mackerel are on the coast and hopeful that a good catch may be had this month.

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LARGE BERING SEA COD FARE.

Sch. Joseph Russ Landed Over 837,000 Pounds of Fish.

The Robinson Fisheries Co.'s three-masted schooner Joseph Russ arrived at the company's dock at Anacortes, Washington, at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 24, with the largest cargo of codfish ever brought to Puget Sound from Bering sea.

She had a total of 204,155 fish in count not including a quantity of "snappers" or small codfish. The fish average a little better than four pounds each—one cargo averaged four and one-fourth pounds each last year—and at an estimate that the present cargo will run one-tenth of a pound over four pounds to the fish the Russ brought 837,035½ pounds, or more than 418½ tons, of fish. This catch was made in 58 day's fishing. Last year the Russ got 194,000 fish in 69 days—the biggest catch last year.

This catch is inventoried upon arrival at three cents a pound, or \$25,-111.05.

When the schooner arrived on Tuesday she had her full crew of 34 men and Capt. Charles Foss aboard hale and hearty. Only one man was sick during the long months in the north, and he, curiously enough, was the cook, who was ill with inflammation of some kind for a brief time.

The officers of the Russ are Captain Charles Foss, First Mate Sam Ostman, Second Mate Oscar Olson. The vessel carried 20 fishing dories, one fisherman to each dory. The high liners were as follows—the three men catching the greatest number of fish:

High line, Sam Ostman, 14,328 fish.

Second high line, A. Isaacson, 12,-432 fish.

Third high line, A. Souderberg, 12,-117 fish.

The rate of pay to the fishermen is based on the number of fish caught. If a man catches less than 8,000 fish he gets \$25 a thousand; between 8,000 and 10,000 he gets \$27.50 per thousand, and if his catch for the season exceeds 10,000 he gets \$30 per thousand. This includes board and all equipment except personal effects.

Mate Sam Ostman has been high liner for four successive years.

The Russ had hard luck getting away last spring. She left Anacortes April 6, but when out 100 miles outside of Cape Flattery she had to put back on account of her salt cargo melting. Then she ran on a bar at Port Angeles and the underwriters required her to be taken to Eagle Harbor and hauled out for examination. She finally sailed for the north April 18 and made such remarkably good time that she was the second codfish boat on the grounds.

Most of her fishing was done at Port Haiden, near Bristol, but she caught about 35,000 fish at the Slime banks, said to be the finest codfish known. She sailed from Bristol bay August 2 and Unimak pass August 9, making the return journey from Unimak pass about 1,950 miles. The Russ sighted her sister ship, the schooner Alice, while at sea homeward bound, but did not speak her; nor any of the other codfish vessels.

Capt. Foss confirms the report, recently received that the brig Harriet G., belonging to Captain John A. Matheson of Anacortes, lost eight dories, six men drowned in Dublin bay in a gale of southwest wind and snow storm while the Russ was in Lost Harbor for repairs, May 15, 1909.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Pubnico—Cod fair; haddock scarce. Liverpool—Cod and mackerel fair; herring scarce; 1200 mackerel taken 1400 mackerel caught at Port Mouton; American vessel Gladys and Sabra in port.

Lunenburg—Cod plenty.

Musquodoboit—Cod haddock and herring fair.

Salmon River—Cod fair.

Isaacs Harbor—Few cod and herring.

Whitehead—Cod fair, herring scarce.

Canso—Pollock plenty, cod and haddock fair; few mackerel, by fishermen's nets.

Alberton—Cod and herring plenty; hake and mackerel fair.

Miminegash—Herring fair; cod and hake scarce.

Escuminac Point—Cod plenty, mackerel scarce.

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Successful Fish Season.

The banking fishery at Burin, N. F., has been very successful this season, and the voyage is expected to be an average one. The shore fishery, however, has not been very good. Owing to foggy weather, it is feared that a large quantity, which is now ashore will be spoiled, unless there is a change during the next few days. Hook and line men are not doing very well, fish being scarce, although squid is plentiful.

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# LOCATION OF MACKEREL FLEET.

Sixteen at North Bay, Eleven on Shore Grounds and Eleven in Port.

Strong Wind Prevented Fishing in Ipswich Bay Yesterday.



## FEW ARRIVALS AT T WHARF.

**Prices Are Fair For a Friday Market.**

There are but few arrivals at T wharf this morning and despite the fact that it is Friday and the last of the week, the market on live fish is good, haddock bringing from \$2 to \$2.50 and large cod touching \$3. There are no trips in of especial note, the crafts having about the average catches in their respective lines.

An early consignment of fresh smelts came to the wholesale fish market at Boston yesterday morning from Maine. The fish were mixed, but the greater part of them were large, and they made a fine appearance as they lay in the boxes arranged in layers, and covered with fine clear ice. The smelts came from near Eastport, and are the precursors of larger consignments, and from now on those who care for the delicate fish will be able to get them regularly. The price of the smelts was not put high, and they were bought up by dealers who supply hotels and clubs.

With the smelts there came to the wholesale fish dealers yesterday morning 38 barrels of fresh-caught mackerel. There were also several barrels of mackerel on the Yarmouth steamer, and some came up from the cape traps mixed with other fish.

There was a lull in the swordfish arrivals. The dealers hoped that the large consignment from Nova Scotia would continue, but there were only five cases of swordfish on the Yarmouth steamer yesterday morning, and seven fish came by rail.

### Boston Arrivals.

The receipts in detail are as follows:  
Sch. Arbitrator, 5000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 15,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 1 swordfish.

Sch. Louise R. Sylvia, 10,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Josie and Phebe, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 1500 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 100 haddock, 200 cod, 200 pollock.

Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 8000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 5000 hake, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 2000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$1.75; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.

### T Wharf Fleet Preparing For Winter.

Already several of the T wharf fleet of fishermen are anticipating the fall and winter, and their skippers are laying over for the purpose of being turned up for the cold weather. Sch. Jessie Costa, one of the cracks of the Provincetown fleet, has just come off the railways, resplendent in a new coating of paint. She is also having her rigging overhauled and some necessary repairs made. Sch. Mattakee-set, commanded by Capt. M. Gaspe, is also on the ways at East Boston, and sch. Yankee, Capt. John T. Dench, is here for a similar purpose. Capt. John Costa of sch. Jessie Costa will leave for the grounds early next week.

### Big Shares for Quick Trips.

Sch. Mary De Costa, Capt. Silveira, stocked \$1400 on her recent quick haddock and cod trip, the crew sharing \$55.

The crew of sch. Flora J. Sears, Capt. Sears, shared \$38 on their quick trip and the men of sch. Ida S. Brooks, Capt. Brooks, shared about the same.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, Capt. Silva, crew share \$29 each on their recent quick trip.

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### Scallop Season Now Open.

The new law on scallops which went in force this year allows the taking and selling of scallops a month earlier than the old law, which set the opening of the season at October 1. According to the new law the season opened Wednesday. The dealers and gatherers of scallops do not appear to be acquainted with the change in the law, and there was considerable discussion yesterday morning among the Boston dealers as to the real legal date of the opening of the season.

## Sept. 3. SCH. MYSTERY HAS GOOD CATCH

**Brings 140,000 Pounds Cod From Quero Bank.**

The local fish story today is few in seiners, one with bullseyes, a shacker with a good catch and one eastern drifter with a nice trip tells the whole tale.

The salt shacker, sch. Mystery, Capt. William H. Goodwin, has 140,000 pounds of salt cod and sold the trip to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. Incidentally vessel and all was sold to that concern, but that's another story.

The drifter, sch. Norman Fisher, Capt. Edmund Williams, hails for 55,000 pounds of salt cod and the seiner, sch. Speculator, has 125 barrels of salt bullseyes.

Besides these, schs. Slade Gorton and Mary E. Harty are in with no fish, the former to shift over to haddocking and the latter to fit for North Bay.

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Sch. Norman Fisher, Eastern drifting, 55,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, seining.

Sch. Slade Gorton, seining.

Sch. Speculator, seining, 125 lbs. salt bullseyes.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Alcina, Rips.

Sch. Leo, haddocking.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Yankee, Boston.

Sch. Francis Whalen, Boston.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra was at Liverpool, N. S., on Tuesday.

Sch. Monitor was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

Schs. Annie Greenlaw and Cynthia sailed from Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

Sch. Mildred V. Nunan was at Lunenburg, N. S., on Tuesday.

Sch. Esther Gray has fitted for pollocking under command of Capt. Thomas Frost.

Sch. Priscilla has fitted for pollocking under command of Capt. Fred Wolf.

### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c. and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt dory headline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c. per cwt.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 10c for gray.

Salt bullseyes, \$9 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed \$27.50 per bbl.

Small salt mackerel \$16.25 to \$18.00 per barrel.

Small fresh mackerel, 9 cts. each.

Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt headline Georges cod, large \$3.75, medium \$3.25.

Dory headline salt cod, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large \$3.37 1-2 per cwt.; medium \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.00 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00, snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting price for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large

\$1.20 for medium, and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock 65 cts.; hake 65 cts.

pollock 60 cts.

## Sept. 4. OUTLOOK GOOD ON MAINE COAST

**Small Mackerel Showing at Various Points in Good Quantities.**

**Found Mixed With Blue backs Taken in Ipswich Bay.**

The only arrival of consequence in the mackerel line today is at Boston, where sch. Nellie Dixon has 100 barrels of salt mackerel, part each of bullseyes and small fish and a few barrels of large fish.

At this port are two lots of fresh mackerel, both small fish, one of 1300 in steamer Bessie A. and one of 100 in Capt. Thurlow's Newburyport boat. These fish were taken in with bluebacks yesterday in Ipswich bay. The gasliners struck plenty of bluebacks but very few mackerel. There will be a lot of boats out tomorrow.

**Charles A. Dyer Says Outlook is Good On the Maine Coast.**

Charles A. Dyer of Portland, in writing to the Times yesterday, says that the news of mackerel schooling from Damariscove to Herring Island came from a most reliable Boothbay Harbor source and he takes it as a good indication of fish on the Maine coast.

Mr. Dyer writes that the boats and bluebacks for the past few days, mixed with butter fish. The first day there were a few scattering mackerel mixed in, but in the catches on Tuesday fully one quarter were mackerel. All along shore the traps are getting more or less mackerel, indicating that the fish are covering a great deal of ground and making the chances for jiggling look good.

"In the old days, when mackerel struck late," he says, "they remained late. The fish are just the right size for the hook. I remember quite a few years when the mackerel off Portland remained very plenty until October 25 and thousands of barrels were taken through September and October on the Maine coast and at Boone Island.

"My interest in the mackerel situation nowadays is merely for the sake of my old time friends that are still in the business, such as Capt. Jacobs, McFarland, Harty, Vautier, Seavey, Spurling and many others.

"The indications were never better for a big catch of mackerel, and if they do not show up, I shall think there is a great deal in the theory that the pollution of the waters is the cause of their continued absence from our coast. It is reported that the governor of our state is to appoint a commission to look into this claim or theory.

"I hope the Gloucester fleet will not hurry about hauling up or going to North bay. A few days now will decide if there is a good body of fish on this shore. Certainly the indications never were better than at present as the fish cover a great deal of ground and there is a chance of their bunching up when the weather comes cool. The fish do not seem to have struck Mt. Desert yet."

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### Norwegian Cod Fisheries.

Consul-General Henry Bordewich of Christiania furnishes the following report concerning the Norwegian winter cod fisheries:

The Norwegian winter cod fisheries begin, as a general rule, during the first part of January each year and last until June. These fisheries are conducted along the shores of the central and northern parts of the country, the Lofoten islands from remote ages having been considered the best grounds. During the season the fisherman gather at several fishing stations in these islands from all parts of the north country. With the modern and larger craft now used, many of them provided with motors, the men are enabled to frequent more distant fishing banks, and it has therefore been found more profitable than formerly to fish much farther south, where the banks are farther out to sea. The fish are seldom taken more than 20 miles off-shore along the Lofoten islands, and the best catches there are often made only two to three miles from shore. Nets, set lines, and hand lines are used indiscriminately. Some \$5,000 men, with 19,000 craft of different kinds and dimensions, are annually engaged in the Norwegian winter cod fisheries.